

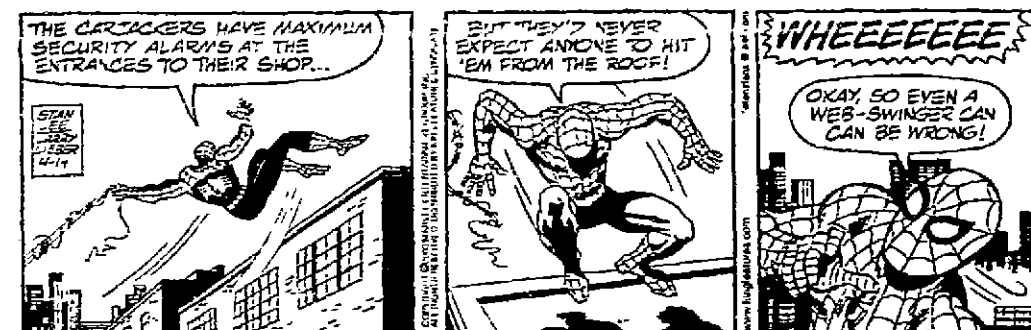
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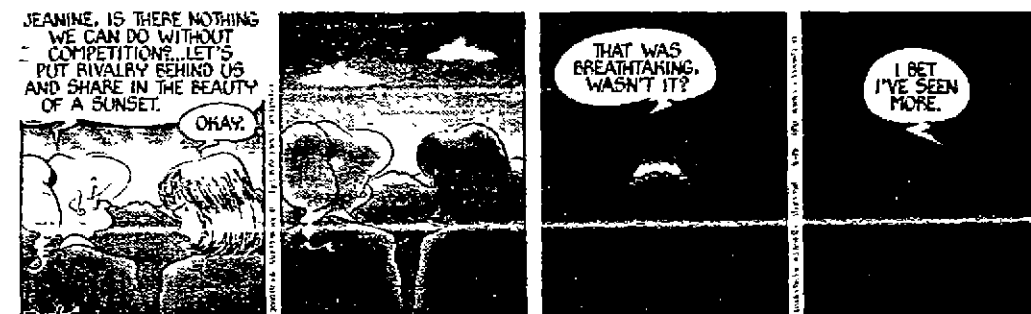
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



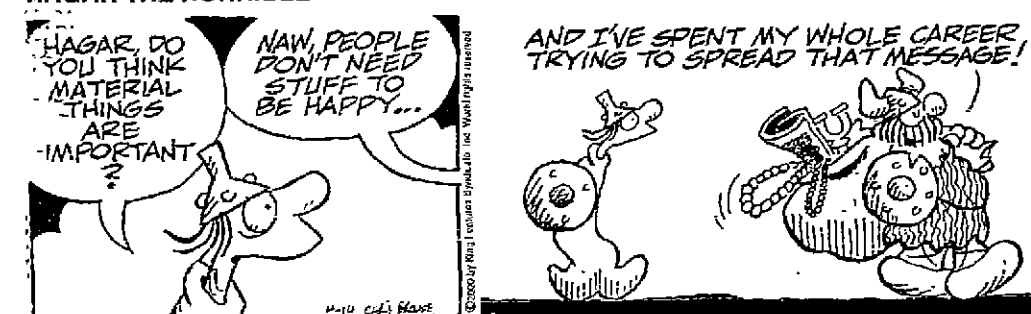
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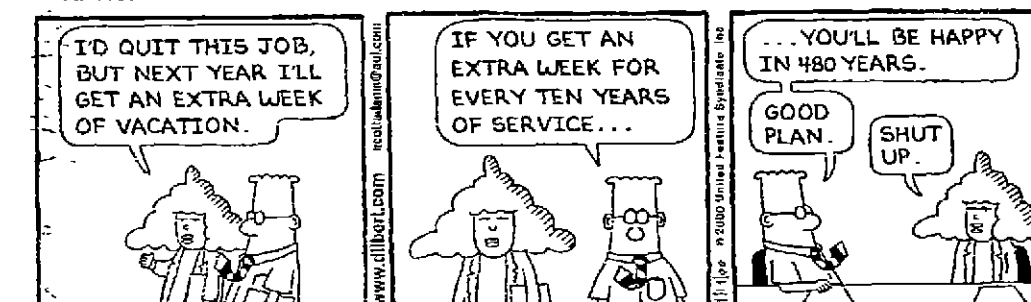
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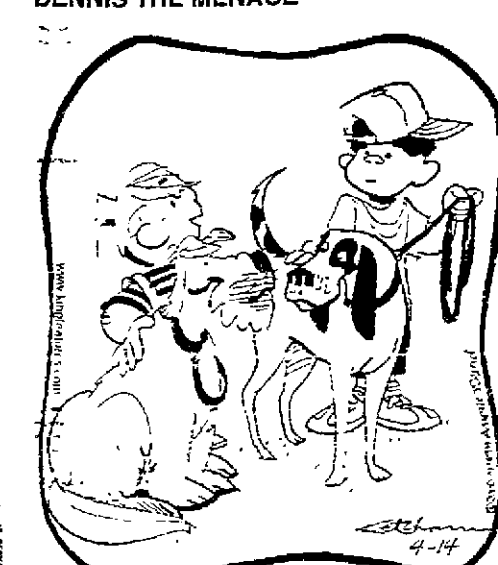
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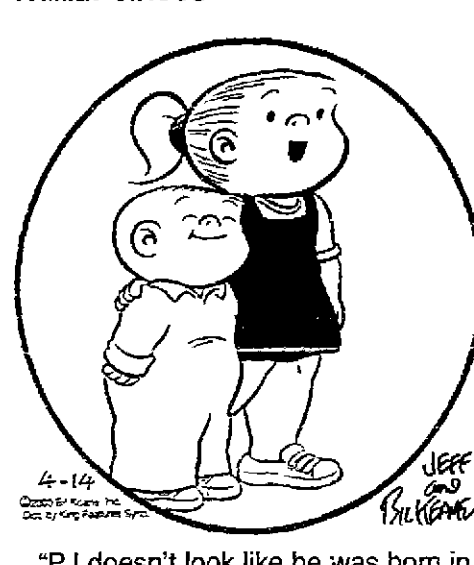
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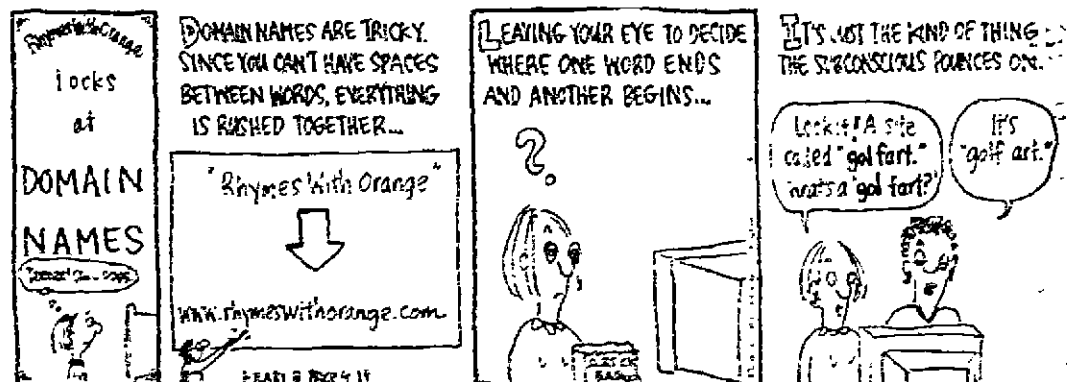
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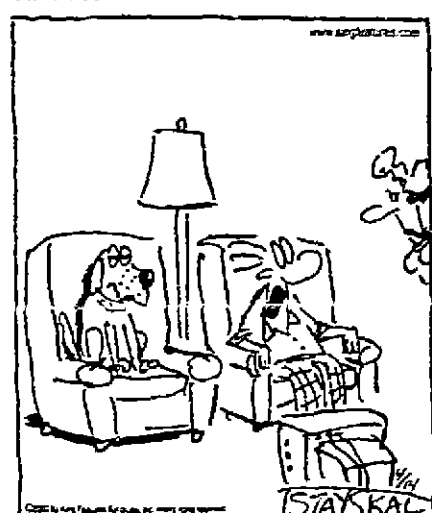
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Sir John Gielgud is 96.
Actor Rod Steiger is 75. Actor Bradford Dillman is 70. Actor Jay Robinson is 70.
Country singer Loretta Lynn is 65.
Actress Julie Christie is 60.
Baseball's all-time hit leader, Pete Rose, is 59. Actor John Shea is 51.
Actor Brad Garrett is 40. Actor Robert Carlyle is 39. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 33.

I NEED HELP



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E	G	L	R	T	U	U	10
A	E	P	A	E	P	S	10
I	N	R	W	S	X	C	10
A	I	U	R	Q	A	A	10

FAR SCORE 160-170 by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter has a point value. A-J, K's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Wenatchee-Warrior) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Cranberry). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

ASSOCIATED WITH MAGIC

I G D A X T V S P N K I F C D
A X V S Q R N O L J H E C A L
X V T R E I P A N L S J H F E
D B B L A C K S T O N E G Y I
X V L T R K O P O S O N M K F
I E G E E S D D B T I B B A R
G Z X W U V T O N N S S R Q E
O N L J T I E V N A U D S G P
F D C A Y A X E W L V R A P
I N I D U O H S L T L R S A O
R P O N L F R A C S I K O J C

Thursday's unlisted clue: BLUES

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: HARRY

Assistant	Doves	Illusions	Scarf
Blackstone	Geller	Orlando	Sleeve
Cards	Hat	Rabbit	Tracks
Copperfield	Henning	Saw	

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, April 15

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Dare to be different today.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your patience is put to the test as the moon moves through the house of Leo today.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A lot can be accomplished by sharing your ideas with like-minded people today.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Try to keep the future in mind before you purchase something you can't afford.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) When trying to make an important decision today, look to your heart instead of your head.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) There are too many things on your to-do list today. Virgo! Start at the top and work your way down.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Look at the big picture instead of focusing on all the minute details.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be careful not to draw too much attention to yourself today.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If you find yourself trying to communicate with someone from a foreign country, focus on body language rather than words.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Be careful when sharing resources with someone at work today.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Declaring your independence might not be as easy as you think it's going to be.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Do your best not to get caught up in someone else's drama.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West leads a tepid spade jack. South plans to win his spade king to lead trumps immediately. He leads low to dummy's king and leads another heart back toward his A-J. East's discard reveals a trump loser, but all is not lost. South continues with a low diamond toward dummy's king, but West alertly hops up with his ace. After cashing his high trump, West exits in diamonds, leaving South to play the club suit himself. If South leads a trump to his hand to lead a low club toward dummy's queen, he may well succeed. After the queen wins, he finesesses against East's jack and loses only three tricks. More conveniently, while in dummy, he may lead a club to his king. This loses to West's ace, and South must lose two clubs and his game as well. How can South guarantee his game? After winning the first spade, he must lead diamonds before he leads trumps. After diamonds are cleared, South can test trumps. When he discovers a trump loser, he leaves it at large and cashes his spade winners. Then he gives West his trump trick, together with a headache. West must offer South a ruff and sluff or break the club suit. Either way, South loses only one club trick and scores his 10 winners.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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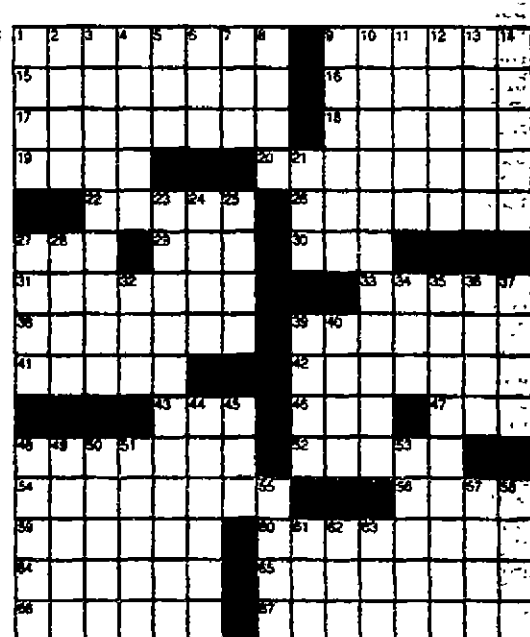
- ACROSS**
- Some school excursions
 - "Leave"
 - Show interest in
 - Lost
 - Fill, so to speak
 - Parts of small intestines
 - "Smooth Operator" singer
 - Like a fiancée
 - According to
 - Certain services
 - Not to mention
 - Cells for women only
 - Application request: Abbr.
 - Ushered out
 - Herd members
 - Causes of tearing, perhaps
 - Wind instrument
 - Reaction to a pretense
 - Studied in a hurry
 - Wife of Saturn
 - Like many Guinness records
 - Hook shape
 - Stay
 - It's catching
 - Statistical grouping
 - OPEC land
 - Like zombies
 - Wishy-washy response
 - Cooling-off period
 - Once-a-year travelers
 - Valuable
 - "Nymphs" artist
 - Astonished outburst
 - Football positions: Abbr.
 - Candle-lighting occasion
 - John, in Wales
 - They're often caught lying down
 - Italian
 - Kind of light
 - See 1-Down
 - Indignation
 - Fries, e.g.
 - Duty

DOWN

- With 32-Down, recipient of England's first trademark
- Its members strive for good service
- Scout
- Blockbuster stock
- Diamond stat.
- Na", e.g.
- Stationed
- Station
- Infantrymen
- Musical soloists
- Once-a-year travelers
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CUBA ACHE FALLS
ATEM MOOG APILAN
MAHAGONNY LENYA
PHONO TAPES DEC
LADYINTHEHARDK
HOD SEN STR
ACES LUAU TASTE
THREEPENNYOPERA
ESSEX SIDE EROS
ICE EAM ANT
SEPTEMBERSONG
AXE LIANA ROLLE
VIRAL KURTWEILL
ELIODE ERMA LOAN
DELED REST SSTTS



Puzzle by Joe DiStefano

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 51 Mountain nymph of Greek myth | 57 French actress Panlaud |
| 53 1998 P.G.A. champ | 58 Disincheon |
| 55 They may be given 40 lashes | 61 A&M or RCA competitor |
| | 62 "PG" cause |
| | 63 Skill |
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